

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraphs starting at page 12, line 10 and ending at page 12, line 17 to read, as follows.

Figure 3 is a flowchart ~~flow-chart~~ of the cleaning sequence in the first embodiment of the present invention, for showing the control timing for the sequence.

Figure 4 is a flowchart ~~flow-chart~~ of the cleaning sequence in the second embodiment of the present invention, for showing the control timing for the sequence.

Please amend the paragraphs starting at page 33, line 19 and ending at page 33, line 27 to read, as follows.

First, referring to the flowchart ~~flow-chart~~ given in Figure 4, what kind of controls are executed with the use of the structural arrangement of this image forming apparatus will be described.

In the case of the flowchart ~~flow-chart~~ given in Figure 4, as a given printing job is started, the counting of the cumulative picture elements (which hereinafter will be referred to as pic-cell) or the cumulative exposure time, is started.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 36, line 11 and ending at page 36, line 16 to read, as follows.

The image forming apparatus in this embodiment is a full-color image forming apparatus having four image formation unit (IFUs) ~~units~~: UY (yellow), UM (magenta), UC (cyan), and UK (black) image formation units, which are the same in structure and image formation process.